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Mr. William Caton
Acting Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, DC 20554

Re: EX PARTE -- CC Docket No. 01-324: Application by Verizon for
Authorization to Provide In-Region InterLATA Services in Rhode Island

Dear Mr. Caton:

On February 14 2002, Joan Campion and I, on behalf of WorldCom, Inc., met with Sam Fedler, legal advisor to Commissioner Martin to discuss this docket and specifically why UNE rates in Rhode Island are not TELRIC and why Verizon cannot rely on old New York UNE rates as a benchmark, especially since the New York Commission recently reduced those rates significantly.

Pursuant to the Commission's rules, I am filing an electronic copy of this letter and request that it be placed in the record of this proceeding.

Sincerely,

Robert C. Lopardo
Director
Federal Advocacy

cc Sam Fedler, Steve Frias (RIPUC), Kelly Trainor (DOJ), Qualex,
Ann Berkowitz (By Fax)